

Funding will Aid Youth in Cayuga, Seneca and Steuben Counties

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) announced today that he secured \$100,000 in congressionally-directed funding (commonly known as earmarks) for Hillside Family of Agencies' (HFA) youth workforce development program.

"In a time of economic struggle, it is critical that our area's youth receive the job training they need to be successful," **Arcuri said**. "This funding will be used to help those that need the most guidance as they come out of the foster care system into society as independent adults. Having a program like this will ease that often difficult transition."

This funding will help HFA with the cost of personnel, occupancy, training, and other expenses necessary to implement a workforce development program aimed at providing job readiness and life skills training to youth aging-out of foster care.

HFA is one of the largest non-profit agencies in New York State, providing child welfare, mental health, youth development, developmental disabilities, juvenile justice, adoption, and special education services to thousands of children and families in twenty-four counties in New York State. HFA employs over 2,100 individuals.

The funds secured by Arcuri are included in the Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS) Appropriations Bill, which is expected to pass the House of Representatives this week. The legislation will then proceed to the Senate.

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